THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) There is a court case pending in the Hon'ble Supreme Court regarding the issue, the final outcome of which is awaited. However, the entire issue of reorganisation is presently under review.

Conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposhi NG line in Orissa

367. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the date of commencement of conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposhi NG line in Orissa;

(b) the progress of that project;

(c) the funds allocation made for that project, so far; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the construction work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Work commenced in 1995-96.

(b) Widening of formation has been completed for a length of 51 km. and further work is in progress over a length of 39 km. Construction of pre-cast concrete boxes for all the minor bridges between Rupsa and Baripada (52 km.) has also been completed.

(c) Rs. 11.39 crore.

(d) Due to acute resource constraints, work on this project is being regulated as per the availability of funds.

Railways grants to Rajasthan

†368. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by the Ministry of Railways during

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1999-2000 and 2000-2001 to the Rajasthan Government as grant, and the details of items, programmes or projects or any other special head under which the same was given; and

(b) whether the Rajasthan Government has provided the expenditure account to the Centre in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise.

Hyderabad Multimodel Suburban Commuter Transport System

369. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had signed a MoU with the Andhra Pradesh Government for implementation of Hyderabad Multimodel Suburban Commuter Transport System at Jubilee Hall in September, 2000;

(b) if so, what are the main points of the MoU;

(c) by when the work on the project is likely to start; and

(d) what is the total cost of expenditure involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The purpose of the MoU is to strengthen the existing suburban rail infrastructure and services in the city of Hyderabad, as a part of Comprehensive Multimodal Suburban Commuter Transportation System. The routes of Falaknama Secundrabad, Secundrabad-Lingampally, Secundrabad-Nampally shall be taken up on priority for upgradation. The Ministry of Railways and the Government of Andhra Pradesh will have equal equity contribution in the Joint Venture Company to be set up.

(c) The project will commence after necessary approvals are obtained.

(d) Rs. 69.96 Crores, to be shared equally by Railways and State Government.